

GROVE PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD
ON 7th MARCH 2006 AT OLD MILL HALL, GROVE**

Present: Cllr F D Parnell (Chairman)
Cllr W Evans (Vice-Chairman)
Cllr W R Ackers
Cllr R Bashford
Cllr K R Clarke
Cllr S Cotton
Cllr P L Hadcroft
Cllr K Jones
Cllr A P Lunn
Cllr M Mellersh

In attendance: County Councillor Z Patrick
2 members of the public

Clerk: Mr G M Mundy

Prior to the start of the council meeting the chairman informed those present of the recent death of Gerry Barker who was a parish councillor. The cremation is to take place on Friday 10th March at Oxford Crematorium at 3.45 pm and then afterwards at Old Mill Hall, Grove from 5.30 pm onwards.

128 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from parish councillors D Hadcroft, A Harker, R Hicks-Greene, J Nunn-Price, J Stock and B Williamson and district councillors D Phillips, G Stock and P Westwood.

129 Declaration of Personal or Personal and Prejudicial Interests in respect of items on the agenda for this meeting

There were no declarations of interest.

130 Sign minutes of council meeting held 24th January 2006

It was **MOVED** the chairman and **RESOLVED** unanimously

“that the minutes be signed as a true record of the meeting.”

131 Sign minutes of the special council meeting held 31st January 2006

It was **MOVED** the chairman and **RESOLVED** unanimously

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132 Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 24th January 2006

There were no matters arising.

133 Questions from the public

Mr Matthews asked if it was time that the council reconsidered its policy on ball games on small greens. This is due to a recent problem regarding youths running amok around the green on

Clerk Mayfield Avenue. Children believed to be from the MOD houses were running through the flower beds, playing ball games close to cars etc. The chairman passed this to the Leisure and Recreation Committee for consideration.

Clerks notes: Following enquiries made it had been established that this land belongs to Oxfordshire County Council and not the parish council.

134 County and district councillors' reports

- a) County councillor Z Patrick gave a verbal report. A written report is attached as an appendix.
- b) District councillors D Phillips, G Stock and P Westwood had all sent apologies for this meeting, however they had all submitted written reports which are attached as appendices to these minutes.

135 Council Chairman's Communications.

- Clerk
- a) The chairman informed the council that he had received an invitation to the Wantage Town Mayor's Ball on 28th April. The chairman informed the meeting that he will be attending.
 - b) Referring to item 133 above, the clerk was asked to write to Dalton Barracks regarding the behaviour of children.

136 Draft Timetable of meetings 2006/2007

Clerk The draft timetable of meetings for 2006/07 was accepted. The clerk is to distribute accordingly.

137 Correspondence from Thames Water regarding the Water Industries Act (WIA)

This correspondence was noted.

138 Correspondence from the Vale regarding "Vale Web"

Clerk This correspondence was noted. The clerk was asked to reply to the Vale and inform them that there should be no change to the entry published on the "Vale Web".

139 Correspondence form OCC

- a) Oxfordshire Structure Plan 2016 – This was noted. Two further copies are available in the office.
- b) Reply to district councillor Westwood – This was noted.

140 Environmental Services Committee Recommendation

Clerk a) To invite the "Little Green People" to speak at the Annual Parish Meeting – It was unanimously agreed to accept the recommendation from the Environmental Services Committee.

141 Council Invitation list to the council reception 2006

All Clerk The chairman explained that this list would be held pending until such time as a reply had been received from Mably, France. Councillors were asked to inform the clerk should they think of any more names to add to the list. The clerk is to ensure that all names and appointments are correct and written in full.

142 Local Plan Update

- a) Inspectors Report – The chairman informed the meeting that the Inspectors report had now been published by the Vale. Three spare copies are held in the council office. The chairman further explained that the Inspectors report was in favour of making Grove a strategic housing site. The following timetable is now in place for Vale action:
- By 20th March 2006 – A statement setting out the Inspectors recommendations with the council's proposed response, together with any proposed modifications to the Local Plan will be put before and considered by Development Control Committee and Executive.
 - By 22nd March 2006 – Inspectors recommendations, councils proposed response together with any proposed modifications to the Local Plan will be put before Full Council.
 - 23rd March to 4th May – Modifications to the Local Plan resulting from the Inspectors report will be published for a six week period of public consultation. During this period any person or organisation may object to a proposed modification, or to the fact that the authority have not accepted a recommendation made by the Inspector.
 - During July 2006 – Adoption of Local Plan.
- b) Recommendation from Finance and General Purposes Committee to agree the members of the Development Forum – Following discussion it was generally agreed to accept the recommendation of the Finance and General Purposes Committee.
- c) Report from the first Development Forum – 28th February 2006 – The chairman briefed the meeting as follows:

The Grove Development forum will be facilitated by Jeff Bishop of BDOR and assisted by Dagmar Hutt of Planning Aid South. The first and second meeting of the forum will be paid for by the Vale and meetings 3 and 4 by the developers. It is also hoped that the Grove Development Forum will continue throughout the life of the Development (2021). The next meeting of the Development Forum will take place on Wednesday 19th April at 7.30 pm in Old Mill Hall, Grove and will be open to the public.

The Grove Consultation will involve the whole community and Dagmar Hutt has drawn up a list of groups, clubs and local businesses as well as the general public to become involved in exhibitions and workshops. The first workshop will take place on 6th April in Old Mill Hall, Grove and will cover the access road into the development site. On 7th/8th April further workshops and an exhibition will take place in Old Mill Hall. Further outreach will take place in May. The above consultation will lead to a Community Involvement Report which although not legally binding can be used to deny or support any subsequent planning applications.

143 Report on matters relating to the following:

- a) Joint Environmental Trust for Grove – The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 6th April 2006.
- b) Wantage Joint Economic Forum - The next meeting is scheduled for later in the month.
- c) Vale Strategic Partnership - County councillor Z Patrick said that next meeting is on 9th March and a full report from the meeting will be given at the next council meeting.
- d) Fair Trade Village update – Currently Fair Trade fortnight with an exhibition in the Village Hall on Saturday 11th March between 10 am and midday.

144 Committee reports:

- a) Report of Environmental Services Committee meeting held on 31st January 2006 - The report was presented by Cllr Clarke.
- b) Report of Planning Committee meetings held on 7th and 28th February 2006 - in the absence of Cllrs Stock and Harker the reports were presented by the chairman.
- c) Report of Leisure and Recreation Committee meeting held on 14th February 2006 - The report was presented by Cllr Ackers.
- d) Report of Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held on 21st February 2006 - The report was presented by the chairman.

145 Accounts for payment as per Appendix

It was **MOVED** the vice-chairman **SECONDED** Cllr P Hadcroft and **RESOLVED** unanimously
“that the accounts for the sum of £20,241.06 be adopted.”

146 Confidential items

It was **MOVED** the chairman and **AGREED** in accordance with Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, as amended by Section 100 of the Local Government Act 1972

“... the press and public be excluded from the meeting to permit the council to consider the confidential items.”

- a) Sign report of the confidential meeting held 24th January 2006

It was **MOVED** the chairman and **RESOLVED** unanimously

“that the minutes be signed as a true record of the meeting.”

- b) Matters arising from the report – There were no matters arising from the report.

The meeting closed at 8.56 pm

Confirmed 18th April 2006

Chairman